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SUBJECT: HIJACKER CONVICTED AS INDIAN INTELLIGENCE AGENT

1. ON MAY 17, SPECIAL TRIBUNAL HEADED BY ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE OF PAK SUPREME COURT SENTENCED 21- YEAR OLD KASHMIRI MUHAMMAD HASHIM TO 14 YEARS AT HARD LABOR FOR HIJACKING THE INDIAN AIRLINES AIRCRAFT " GANGA" TO LAHORE IN JANUARY 1971. COURT FOUND THAT HASHIM HAD HIJACKED " GANGA" ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM INDIAN INTELLIGENCE IN NEW DELHI. HASHIM WAS NOT, AS HE CLAIMED IN 1971, ACTING AS MEMBER OF KASHMIR NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT ( NLF) NOR OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR PLEBISCITE FRONT ( JKPF) BOTH DESCRIBED BY COURT AS PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, HASHIM SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS UNDER OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT, TO 1 YEAR FOR WRONGFUL CONFINEMENT OF PASSENGERS AND CREW OF AIRCRAFT, TO 2 YEARS FOR BURNING AIRCRAFT, AND TO 2 YEARS FOR CARRYING ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES, SENTENCES TO RUN CONCURRENTLY. SECOND HIJACKER, WHOM COURT DECIDED DUPED BY HASHIM, FOUND GUILTY OF ILLEGALLY COLLECTING AND

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SENDING ARMS TO KASHMIR AND WAS SENTENCED TIL RISING OF COURT,  
AS WERE FOUR OTHER ACCUSED. THEY WERE MAQBUL AHMAD BUTT OF NLF  
HIGH COMMAND AND PRESIDENT OF JKPF, MIR ABDUL MANNAN, SECRETARY  
GENERAL OF JKPF, MIR ABDUL QAYYUM OF NLF, AND GHULAM MOHAMMAD  
LONE OF JKPF.

3. COMMENT: CONVICTION WOULD HAVE RAISED STORM OF PROTESTS  
SHORTLY AFTER INCIDENT WHEN HIJACKERS SEEN BY MANY PUNJABIS  
AS HEROS. SHEIKH ABDULLAH, WHO THEN IN KASHMIR, ISSUED STATEMENT  
DISAPPROVING HIJACKING AND CLAIMING HASHIMON PAYROLL OF KASHMIR  
STATE SECURITY OFFICE. LATER DEVELOPMENTS LED MOST PUNJABIS  
TO BELIEVE THAT GOI ENGINEERED HIJACKING AS EXCUSE TO CLOSE  
AIR SPACE TO PAK AIRCRAFT IN ORDER TO IMPEDE COMMUNICATIONS  
WITH WHAT WAS THEN EAST PAKISTAN.  
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